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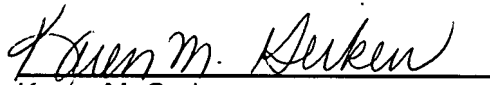
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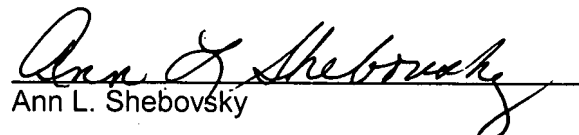
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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2007 in which restriction was required to one of Invention I, corresponding to claims 1-42 drawn to an angled tissue cutting instrument, or Invention II, corresponding to claims 43-51 drawn to a method of variably positioning a cutting window of tissue cutting instrument.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Invention II corresponding to claims 43-51 for prosecution on the merits. In view of the election of Invention II, an election of species is not warranted.

In light of the above, the subject patent application is submitted to be in condition for examination on the merits, and early favorable action on the merits is courteously solicited.

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